

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Of these claims, claims 1-6 and 11-16 are withdrawn from consideration. Accordingly, claims 7-10 and 17-20 are before the Examiner. The claims are amended herein to correct minor informalities. No new matter is presented.

I. Restriction/Election

Applicants affirm the election to prosecute claims 7-10 and 17-20 without traverse.

II. Response to Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd Paragraph

Claims 7-10 and 17-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite with respect to the recitation of the term "including" as recited in the claims.

The claims are amended by replacing the term "including" in claims 7 and 17 with the word "comprising" to overcome the rejection. Additionally, the claims are amended by replacing the word "derivative" with the word "compound" and by deleting the word "general" in the phrase "general formula" as a matter of form. Also, the word "A" at the beginning of the sentence of the dependent claims is replaced with the word "The".

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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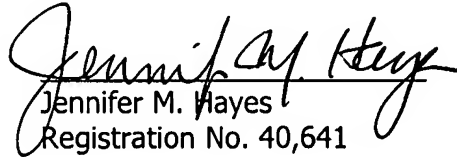
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